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Encouraging job growth, Senate passes resolution opposing overly stringent state standards

LANSING – State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, announced today the passage of a resolution opposing new or revised administrative rules for businesses that are more stringent than federal policies.

Senate Resolution 224 calls for rules and standards that do not impede economic development and job creation and, instead, make the state more attractive for new businesses.

“I applaud my colleagues for passing this resolution,” Stamas said. “We are moving full speed ahead with our plans to attract new businesses to Michigan and create more job opportunities for our residents. Imposing standards that are more stringent than federal guidelines hurts Michigan’s chances to compete for new businesses.”

SR 224 will help prevent job losses and promote Michigan as a business-friendly state. Because of recent discussions on proposed administrative rules involving ergonomic standards, legislators feared companies looking to expand or relocate may lose interest in Michigan.

The resolution states that department policies can impact the development of the economy and job creation. It also points out that although intended to provide necessary standards and to increase public health and safety, stringent regulations can sometimes impede progress and deter new economic development.

SR 224 is part of the second phase of JOBS – “Job Opportunities for Business Success,” a broad-ranging Republican call to action on Michigan’s job creation plan. JOBS II picks up where JOBS left off by creating new job opportunities, saving existing jobs, and promoting a friendlier and healthier business climate in Michigan.

“Looking at the state of our economy, we need to do everything in our power to encourage companies to do business in Michigan, not discourage them,” Stamas said. “Passing this resolution shows our dedication to do everything we can to entice businesses to expand and locate in our great state.”

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